

MINUTES OF MEETING

Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board – February 25, 2015 Ada County Parks and Waterways Administration building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Cook, David McKinnon, Kari Kostka, Mark Suderman, Kyle Hemly and Jim Keller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brandy Wilson

STAFF PRESENT: Scott Koberg and Carolyn Nitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Larry Maneely, Board of County Commissioners, Meg Leatherman, Ada County Development Services

INTRODUCTION:

Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. No conflicts of interest were declared by Advisory Board members.

MOTION: Approval of the minutes with minor changes from the January 28th meeting. Chris Cook motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Keller seconded; motion passes

AGENDA CHANGE

Senate Bill 1044

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OREGON TRAIL MASTER PLAN:

Scott Koberg passed the information from the last meeting to Boise City Planning and Zoning. Boise City is initiating an East Columbia Master planning effort in this area to resolve a number of issues; including roads, land uses, utility and Oregon Trail access and management protection.

Meg Leatherman discussed the Trail Blazer subdivision. Meg explained the access easement does not originate from the final plat. When the final plat is vacated it will not affect the access easement. The actual beginning location of the easement is on the existing road, it does not originate on the portion they are vacating.

A property owner emailed and called expressing concern with people firing long guns. The shooting is occurring on BLM property Scott contacted Larry Ridenhour with BLM and asked for an email response, he indicated it is essentially the wild wild west and perhaps Ada County would be better to provide rules and regulations that BLM could try and socially adapt in the area through posting at access points. Larry also suggested putting together a neighborhood meeting with the two subdivisions in the area. Scott has asked the Board of County Commissioners to review an update of the Parks ordinance that has a section that prohibits the use of fire arms on Parks and Open Space properties.

ADA COUNTY BIKE PARK:

The public meeting for the flow trail bridge occurred on the 9th, it was very well attended including all three Ada County Commissioners. The completion date is still set for March 21st; they are still working on the final design.

Scott, Angie Gilman, Ada County Engineer and Kurt Hunt, Ada County Landfill met on site regarding the flow trail culverts, they identified best management practices for each culvert the culverts will be going in on the coordinated timeline with the flow trail completion, so the trail will not be closed any longer.

SWIMBA is adopting four of the trails, Scott will be meeting onsite and SWIMBA, and they will be pin flagging specific locations that require work.

AVIMOR:

Scott met with Charlie Baun on Friday; any changes Avimor chooses to make to the plans will need to go through a Comprehensive Plan amendment application and a public hearing process. They do not have any changes to the easement language but they do have changes to the Recreation Plan. We are waiting for Avimor to sign.

IDAHO FOUNDATION FOR PARKS AND LANDS PROPERTY:

The next meeting is March 19th, 1:30 at Shakespeare. They put together a technical committee with DEQ and they will be bring back recommendations on what to do with the bio solid lagoons.

NEW BUSINESS

IMBA RIDE CENTER:

There is an application being submitted for International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) they designate certain areas as ride centers who have a lot of trails and they give them recognition on a national level; the gentleman putting the application together would like a letter to endorse the application from the Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board or Ada County Parks and Waterways.

MOTION: David McKinnon motioned to have the Parks, Open Space and Trails Advisory Board submit the endorsement letter, Mark Suderman seconded; motion passes

SENATE BILL 1044:

There was proposed change to existing legislation by Senator Guthrie, it successfully came out of Local Government and Taxation Committee and passed the Senate floor 20-13, it is proposing to add a small section to an eminent domain statue which provides more restrictions on when eminent domain can be used and those restriction apply specifically to, trails, paths, greenways or other ways for walking, running, hiking, bicycling or equestrian use unless adjacent to highway, road or street. Those in the recreation community and Idaho Association of Counties submitted a letter in opposition to all of the Senators prior to the debate. It passed the Senate and is in the Local Government Committee of the House. Foundations for Ada and Canyon Trails System have taken a position on it and did provide testimony in the Senate Committee and they make some additional testimony in the Local Government Committee on the House side.

ADJOURNMENT

Chris Cook adjourned the meeting at 1:12 p.m.